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Man and Woman Arraigned in Human Trafficking Case Involving Kidnapped Palmdale Toddler

A Lancaster man has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and attempted murder charges for the alleged abduction of an 18-month-old girl that was found by police alone in a shed, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson said Brandon Michael Wynn, 33, was arraigned yesterday on 13 felony counts: two counts each of human trafficking to commit another crime; pimping; and kidnapping and one count each of first-degree residential burglary; forcible oral copulation; assault to commit a felony during the commission of a first-degree burglary; assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury; assault with a deadly weapon, bleach; child abuse; and attempted murder.

A second defendant also has been arraigned in case MA066536. Regina Renee Estorga (dob 12/29/70) pleaded not guilty on July 27 to two counts of human trafficking to commit another crime and one count each of kidnapping; assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury; assault with a deadly weapon, bleach; and pimping.

The charges against Estorga were filed for warrant on July 21.

Both defendants are scheduled to return to court on Sept. 24 in Department A2 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Wynn and Estorga are both charged with forcing two women into prostitution. On July 16, Wynn allegedly broke into the home of one of his victims where he physically and sexually assaulted her, the prosecutor said.

On or between July 16 and 18, Estorga joined Wynn in the alleged kidnapping of the same woman, according to the criminal complaint. The victim was beaten, doused with bleach and left tied up and naked in the desert, the prosecutor added.

Soon after, Wynn abducted the victim's baby from another location and abandoned her inside a shed in Palmdale, Swanson said. Estorga is not charged with the toddler's kidnapping.

Bail has been set at more than \$3 million for Wynn and \$360,000 for Estorga.

Wynn faces a possible maximum sentence of multiple life terms in prison and Estorga faces 28 years in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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